

**HERNANDO COUNTY BUILDING DIVISION**  
**AFFIDAVIT**  
**BUILDING PERMIT EXEMPTION**  
**NONRESIDENTIAL FARM BUILDINGS**

You have applied for exemption from the Florida Building Code in accordance with the following sections of Florida Statute:

**F.S. 553.73 (10)(c) - Florida Building Code - Enforcement**

(10) The following buildings, structures, and facilities are exempt from the Florida Building Code as provided by law, and any further exemptions shall be as determined by the Legislature and provided by law:

(c) Nonresidential farm buildings on farms.

**F.S. 604.50 Nonresidential farm buildings; farm fences; farm signs.—**

(1) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any nonresidential farm building, farm fence, or farm sign that is located on lands used for bona fide agricultural purposes is exempt from the Florida Building Code and any county or municipal code or fee, except for code provisions implementing local, state, or federal floodplain management regulations. A farm sign located on a public road may not be erected, used, operated, or maintained in a manner that violates any of the standards provided in s. [479.11](#)(4), (5)(a), and (6)-(8).

(2) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Bona fide agricultural purposes" has the same meaning as provided in s. [193.461](#)(3)(b).

(b) "Farm" has the same meaning as provided in s. [823.14](#).

(c) "Farm sign" means a sign erected, used, or maintained on a farm by the owner or lessee of the farm which relates solely to farm produce, merchandise, or services sold, produced, manufactured, or furnished on the farm.

(d) "Nonresidential farm building" means any temporary or permanent building or support structure that is classified as a nonresidential farm building on a farm under s. [553.73](#)(10)(c) or that is used primarily for agricultural purposes, is located on land that is an integral part of a farm operation or is classified as agricultural land under s. [193.461](#), and is not intended to be used as a residential dwelling. The term may include, but is not limited to, a barn, greenhouse, shade house, farm office, storage building, or poultry house.

By signing this affidavit, as the owner of the property and/or the farm operation, you certify that the information provided is true and correct, and the use of the structure complies with the Florida Statutes governing the exemption for nonresidential farm buildings.

Key No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Site: No. \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Hernando County, Florida

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the structure:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please submit two (2) copies of a current site plan showing location, dimensions, and distances (setbacks) of each structure on the property. Indicate existing and proposed structures.

**OWNER'S AFFIDAVIT:**

**I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and correct and complies with the following statutes:**

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**F.S. 823.14 Florida Right to Farm Act**

(3)DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

(a)“Farm” means the land, buildings, support facilities, machinery, and other appurtenances used in the production of farm or aquaculture products.

(b)“Farm operation” means all conditions or activities by the owner, lessee, agent, independent contractor, and supplier which occur on a farm in connection with the production of farm products and includes, but is not limited to, the marketing of produce at roadside stands or farm markets; the operation of machinery and irrigation pumps; the generation of noise, odors, dust, and fumes; ground or aerial seeding and spraying; the application of chemical fertilizers, conditioners, insecticides, pesticides, and herbicides; and the employment and use of labor.

**I understand that the exemption is for this structure only, and any change in the use of the structure could change the exempt status. Each non-residential farm building is subject to review for agricultural exemption.**

**F.S. 837.06 – FALSE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.** Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

**F.S. 92.525** – Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing document and that the facts stated in it are true.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Person Signing

State of \_\_\_\_\_ County of \_\_\_\_\_  
Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of  physical presence or  online notarization, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by \_\_\_\_\_.

Personally Known OR  Produced Identification \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Identification Produced \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Notary Public

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Notary Seal)

Your application for exemption will be reviewed by the Building Official for approval or denial. If the application is denied, you may appeal the Building Official’s decision to the Board of Construction Regulation within thirty (30) days after issuance of a denial. Additional information on the appeal process is available from the Building Division.

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**BUILDING OFFICIAL REVIEW:**

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_ APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_ DENIED

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Hernando County Building Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**HERNANDO COUNTY ZONING DIVISION  
AFFIDAVIT**

Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Description/Address \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby acknowledge that the above permit is for a \_\_\_\_\_ used for my own personal use. I also understand that the improvement cannot be used or converted for manufacturing, non-permitted commercial use or dwelling purposes.

The proposed building/improvement will be used (check any use that applies):

\_\_\_\_\_ for an agricultural permitted use as defined in the Appendix "A," Article IV, Section 6A(1). Agricultural activity on the property is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ for an accessory structure incidental to a permitted residential use on the property.

The proposed use of the \_\_\_\_\_ WILL BE USED FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

Unauthorized use of this structure/improvement would be a violation of the Hernando County Code of Ordinances and may subject the owner to civil penalty and/or demolition of the structure or unauthorized improvements as well as the disconnecting of electrical service.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Property Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Type of Identification Produce

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Signature of Notary Public

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Type, Print, or Stamp Name of Notary